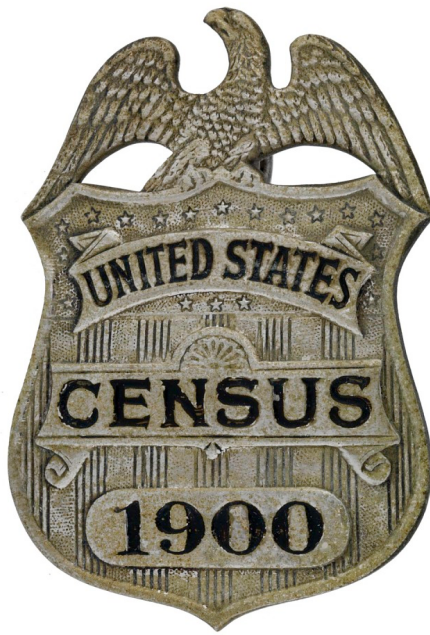


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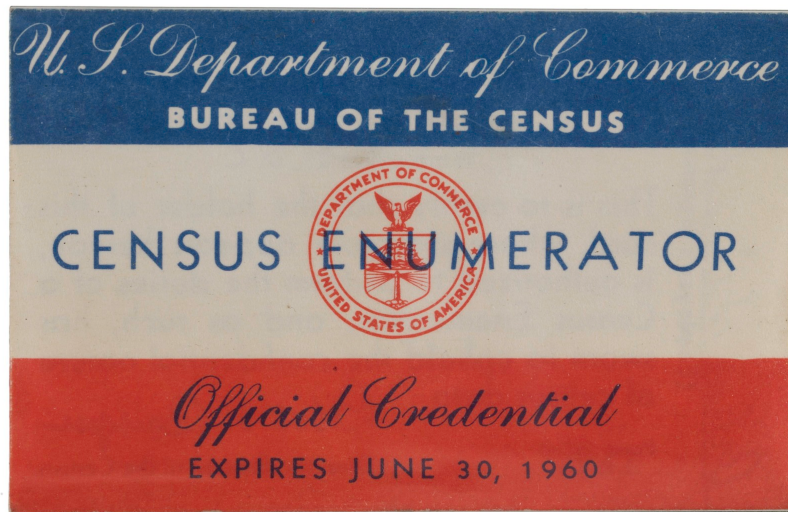
The United States Census

The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government take a census every ten years. Citizens are required by law to be counted and to participate in this fundamental aspect of the democratic process. The primary purpose of the census is to allocate seats in the House of Representatives to the states according to their population.



Census badge, 1900
Gift of Mrs. S. Hazen Shea

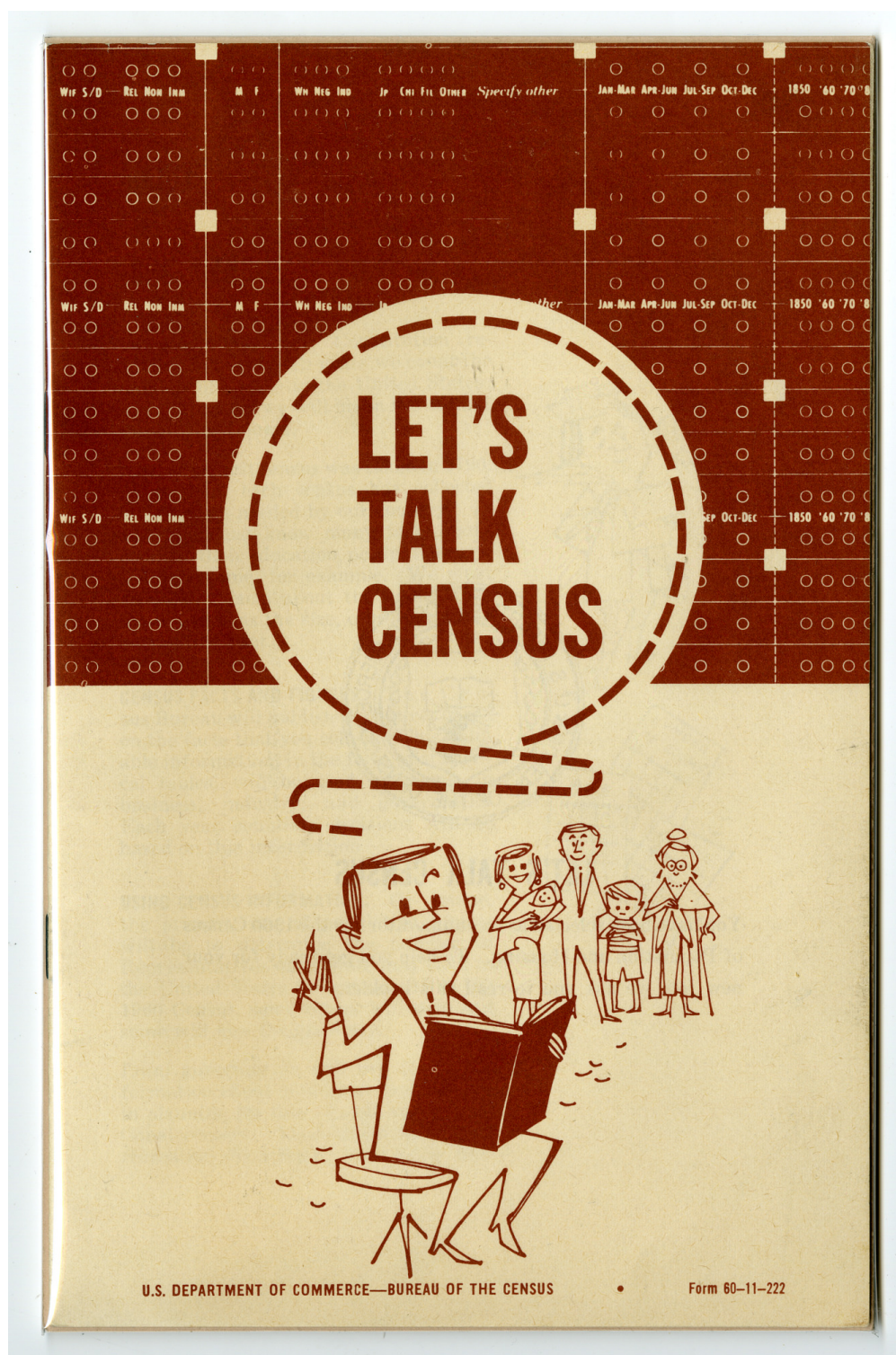
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Census enumerator badge, 1960

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Pamphlet, "Let's Talk Census", 1960

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PH-1 or PH-2 Page No.	If "GO"— PH-1 or PH-2 Line No.	➔ Please fill in this form. It covers the additional information needed to complete the Census. • If you received a special envelope, follow the return directions on that envelope. • Otherwise, just enclose this form in the questionnaire for the rest of the family before mailing.																																						
P2. Name of this person (Enter last name first)		P14. What is the highest grade (or year) of regular school this person has ever attended? (Check one box) If now attending a regular school or college, check the grade (or year) he is in. If it is in junior high school, check the box that stands for that grade (or year). Never attended school... ☐ Kindergarten... ☐ Elementary school (Grade)..... <table style="display: inline-table; border: none;"><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr></table> High school (Year)..... <table style="display: inline-table; border: none;"><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr></table> College (Year)..... <table style="display: inline-table; border: none;"><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6 or more</td></tr><tr><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td><td>☐</td></tr></table>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	1	2	3	4	☐	☐	☐	☐	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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P3. What is the relationship of this person to the head of this household? Head..... ☐ Wife of head..... ☐ Son or daughter of head..... ☐ Other—Write in: (For example: Son-in-law, mother, lodger, lodger's wife, patient, student, guard, superintendent, etc.)		P15. Did he finish the highest grade (or year) he attended? Finished this grade... ☐ Did not finish this grade... ☐ Never attended school... ☐																																						
P8. Where was this person born? (If born in hospital, give residence of mother, not location of hospital) If born in the United States, write name of State. If born outside the United States, write name of country, U.S. possession, etc. Use international boundaries as now recognized by the U.S. Distinguish Northern Ireland from Ireland (Eire). (State, foreign country, U.S. possession, etc.)		P16. Has he attended regular school or college at any time since February 1, 1960? If he has attended only nursery school, business or trade school, or adult education classes, check "No". Yes... ☐ No... ☐																																						
P9. If this person was born outside the U.S.— What language was spoken in his home before he came to the United States?		P17. Is it a public school or a private school? Public school..... ☐ Private or parochial school..... ☐																																						
P10. What country was his father born in? United States... ☐ OR (Name of foreign country; or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.)		P18. If this person has ever been married— Has this person been married more than once? Once... ☐ More than once... ☐																																						
P11. What country was his mother born in? United States... ☐ OR (Name of foreign country; or Puerto Rico, Guam, etc.)		P19. When did he get married? Month..... Year..... When did he get married for the first time? Month..... Year.....																																						
P12. When did this person move into this house (or apartment)? (Check date of last move) In 1959 or 1960... ☐ Jan. 1954 to March 1955... ☐ In 1958... ☐ 1950 to 1953... ☐ In 1957... ☐ 1940 to 1949... ☐ April 1955 to Dec. 1956... ☐ 1939 or earlier... ☐ Always lived here... ☐		P20. If this is a woman who has ever been married— How many babies has she ever had, not counting stillbirths? Do not count her stepchildren or adopted children. OR None... ☐ (Number)																																						
P13. Did he live in this house on April 1, 1955? (Answer 1, 2, or 3) 1. Born April 1955 or later... ☐ OR 2. Yes, this house... ☐ OR 3. No, different house... ☐ Where did he live on April 1, 1955? a. City or town..... b. If city or town—Did he live inside the city limits?— { Yes... ☐ No... ☐ } c. County..... AND State, foreign country, U.S. possession, etc.....		P21. When was this person born? Born before April 1946... ☐ Born April 1946 or later... ☐ Please go on with questions P22 to P35. Answer the questions regardless of whether the person is a housewife, student, or retired person, or a part-time or full-time worker. Please omit questions P22 to P35.																																						

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Census Bureau questionnaire, 1960
Transfer from U.S. Department of Commerce

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Military Service

The scope and brutality of the Civil War quickly challenged the military resources of the North and South. The Confederacy and the Union established general compulsory military service. Many considered the draft an infringement on their individual liberty. Critics charged class discrimination, as the North and South draft laws provided financial ways to avoid service. The debate over a military draft has continued ever since. Today all men are required to register for Selective Service at eighteen years of age.

Provost Marshal's Office,

13 District, State of Pa

June 7, 1864

To Edrick L. Lear
Clinton

SIR:

You are hereby notified that you were, on the 7 day of June, 1864, legally drafted in the service of the United States for the period of 30 days, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, "for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1863. You will accordingly report, on or before the 14th July 1864, at the place of rendezvous, in Shankamock, Pa., or be deemed a deserter, and be subject to the penalty prescribed therefor by the Rules and Articles of War.

Wm. M. Munnell
Capt & Provost Marshal,
13 Dist. of Pa

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in accordance with the
Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

W. H. Pole
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

307 S.E. Third - Fairfield - Ill
 (Place of residence)

(This will be identical with line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this *27* day of *April*, 19*42*

Ruth Eileen Simpson
 (Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board *1* *Wayne* *Ill*
 (Number) (City or county) (State)

**THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR
PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES**

D. S. S. Form 2
(Revised 6/9/41)

16-21631

(Registrant must sign here)
W. H. Pole

World War II-era Selective Service registration card, April 27, 1942

Taxes

The Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1913, granted Congress the power to impose a federal income tax on individuals. The concept of contributing your fair share is widely held, but agreeing on what that is all depends on who is paying the bill.

INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN

FOR NET INCOMES OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000

For Calendar Year 1921

Or for period begun ~~JAN. 1~~ 1921, and ended DEC. 31, 1921

PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS PLAINLY BELOW

JOSEPH BUCHALTER,
(Name.)

U.S.S. HURON, To POSTMASTER,
(Street and number or rural route.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
(Post office.) (County.) (State.)

FILE RETURN
WITH THE
COLLECTOR OF
INTERNAL
REVENUE FOR
YOUR DISTRICT
ON OR BEFORE
MARCH 15, 1922

Do not write in this space
FIRST PAYMENT

\$
(Cashier's Stamp)

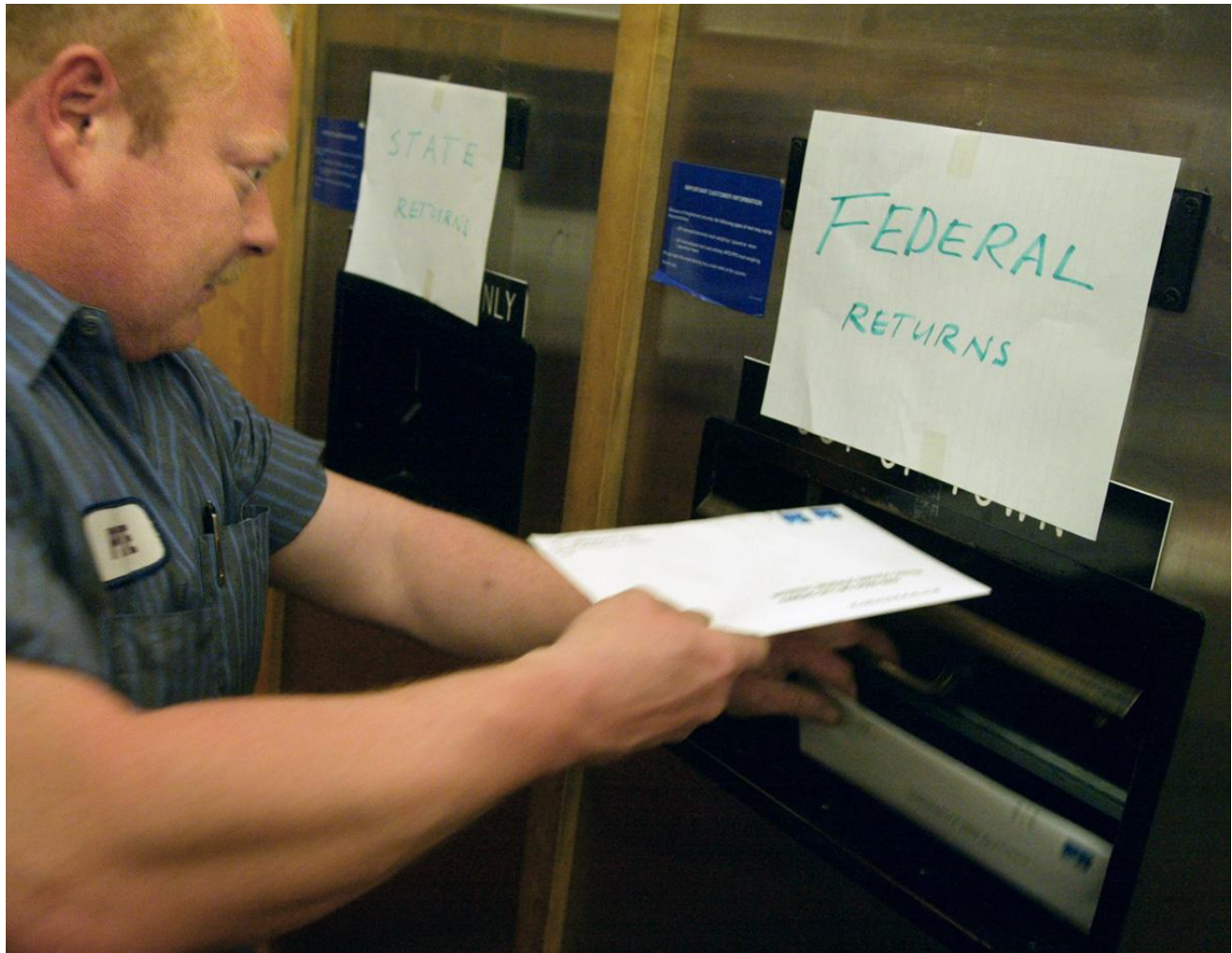
CASH ☒ CHECK ☐ M. O. ☐

Examined by

OCCUPATION, PROFESSION, OR KIND OF BUSINESS NAVAL SERVICE

See In- struction Number	Explain in Schedule (page 2)	INCOME.	Amount received.	Expenses paid.	
13	F	1. Salaries, Wages, Commissions, etc. (State name and address of person from whom received.) <u>Navy Department</u>	\$ 3439.84	\$ 805.00	\$ 2634.84
14		2. Interest on Bank Deposits, Notes, Mortgages, and Corporation Bonds			
15	A	3. Income from Partnerships, Fiduciaries, etc. (State name and address of partnerships, etc.)			
16	B	4. Rents and Royalties			
17	C	5. Profit (or loss) from Business or Profession (not including income from partnerships)			
18	D	6. Profit (or loss) from Sale of Real Estate			
19		7. Profit (or loss) from Sale of Stocks, Bonds, etc.			
		8. Other Income (except dividends from domestic corporations and interest on obligations of the U. S.) (State nature of income)			
		(a)			
		(b)			
		9. TOTAL INCOME IN ITEMS 1 TO 8 (less losses shown above, if any)			\$ 2634.84
		DEDUCTIONS.			
20		10. Interest Paid (not including interest deducted above)		\$ 35.00	
21		11. Taxes Paid (not including taxes deducted above)		550.00	
22	E	12. Losses by Fire, Storm, etc.		250.00	
23	F	13. Contributions		155.00	
24	F	14. Bad Debts (not including bad debts deducted above)		125.00	
25	F	15. Other Deductions Authorized by Law			
		16. TOTAL OF ITEMS 10 TO 15			\$ 565.00
		17. TAXABLE NET INCOME (Item 9 minus Item 16)			\$ 2069.84
		COMPUTATION OF TAX.			
		18. Net Income (Item 17 above)	\$ 2069.84		
8		19. Less Personal Exemption and Credit for Dependents	1400.00		
		20. Balance (Item 18 minus Item 19)	\$ 669.84		
11		21. Tax Due (4% of Item 20)		\$ 26.79	
		22. Less: Tax Paid at Source			
		23. Income and profits taxes paid to a foreign country or possession of the United States (attach Form 1116)			
		24. Balance Due (Item 21 minus 22 and 23)			
		25. Tax Paid when Filing Return		\$ 26.79	

Income tax return, 1921
Gift of Victor W. Tatelman



Last-minute taxpayer submitting his federal returns, Des Plaines, Illinois, April 15, 2002

Courtesy of Tim Boyle/Getty Images

A Citizen's Jury

In a nation based on the sovereignty of the people, the jury system is one of the cornerstones of American democracy. Established under the Constitution is the right to an impartial jury of one's peers. This right also implies an obligation of citizens to serve as members of a jury.

SUMMONS FOR PETIT JURY SERVICE
Common Pleas Court
Butler County, Ohio

To: SWAIN, MARY L
315 HIGH STREET
HAMILTON, OH 45011

JUROR NUMBER: 1

Dear Prospective Juror:

You are commanded to be available to appear and serve on the petit jury of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas. You will need to be available to serve for a trial presided over by Judge Andrew Nastoff for the following dates:

Monday, May 9, 2011 through Friday, May 20, 2011.

This summons notifies you that your name is in the pool of jurors from which the petit jurors will be selected. You must complete the enclosed juror questionnaire within seven (7) days and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Court Administration, 315 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. It is important to submit complete and accurate juror information so that the Court can either qualify you to serve on the petit jury panel or excuse you from service. Pursuant to O.R.C. 149.43, information on your questionnaire may be subject to public disclosure under the Ohio Public Records Act.

If you are unable to serve as a juror, please submit a written request to be excused, including your name, juror number, home and work telephone numbers, and a statement explaining your inability to serve. If you are requesting an excuse due to medical reasons, your request must be accompanied by a doctor's statement. Only written requests will be considered. Please do not call the Judge, the Court, or the Clerk of Courts. To allow for review by the Court, your written request must be submitted no later than Friday, April 1, 2011 to Court Administration, 315 High Street, 3rd Floor, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. You will be notified in writing after April 8, 2011, as to whether your request to be excused has been granted. *Submission of this request does not automatically excuse you. You will be informed whether your request was granted. You must return your completed juror questionnaire, whether or not you have submitted a request.*

Jurors shall report at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011, to the Government Services Center, 1st Floor, 315 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio. You may call 513-785-5155 after 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2011, to hear a recorded message which will either confirm that the trial is still scheduled and you are required to report, or which will notify you that your service is not required.

Parking is available in the garage adjacent to the Government Services Center. Please enter the garage from the Court Street entrance. Take the garage elevator to G3 and proceed across the skywalk into the Government Services Center. Take the escalator to the first floor conference area. A deputy clerk from the Clerk of Courts Office will greet you and provide further instructions.

Please note that your potential jury service will require you to enter into a secured area wherein you will be required to pass through security checkpoints, including metal detectors and scanning devices. Therefore, please leave all unnecessary personal items at home or in your vehicle, i.e. pocket knives, nail files, etc. Such items will be taken into the custody of court security.

If a juror fails to appear without having been excused, the Court of Common Pleas may impose a fine, direct the Sheriff to arrest the juror, compel the juror to serve or find the juror in contempt of court.

Please keep this summons available as a reference for the scheduled dates and bring it with you to check in for the first day of service.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

MARY L. SWAIN
Butler County Clerk of Common Pleas Court

Juror Number 1

Jury notice, 2014

Gift of Butler County Clerk of Courts



Photograph of jury listening to evidence, Louisville, Kentucky, 1954

Courtesy of Robert W. Kelley/The LIFE Picture Collection/Getty Images

The Virtuous Citizen

Of the many core responsibilities of citizenship, the most basic has been being a “good citizen.” The founding generation believed that liberty and freedom could only survive if the Republic and its people were virtuous. For them, and still today, this means respecting the country’s institutions, fulfilling civic duties, contributing to the community, and generally being a good neighbor.



Public service poster, 1971

Transfer from U.S. Department of Agriculture

Hours & Admission

Open every day, except December 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Admission is free and no tickets are required.

Location & Contact

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Washington, DC 20560 <<https://www.google.com/maps/place/smithsonian+national+museum+of+american+history/@38.8912835,-77.0322449,17z>>

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